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PARRISH ANNOUNCES ORANGE COUNTY SMALL BUSINESS FAIR

Claude Parrish, Vice Chairman of the State Board of Equalization (BOE), today announced that federal, state, and local government agencies will team up to offer a free, one-day event offering tax assistance to small businesses in Orange County.

Small business owners are encouraged to attend and bring their questions on tax laws and regulations. Representatives from the BOE, Employment Development Department, Franchise Tax Board, Internal Revenue Service, and Small Business Administration will be on-hand to assist attendees.

Date: Thursday, October 13, 2005
Time: 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Place: California State University, Fullerton
800 North State College Blvd.
Fullerton, CA 92834

Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. Mr. Parrish will deliver his opening remarks at 9:00 a.m., followed by Orange County Assessor Webster Guillory and Dr. Anil Puri, Dean of the College of Business and Economics at California State Fullerton. The fair will include general information sessions, as well as workshops tailored to suit the needs of the small business owner.

Topics will include sales and use tax law, state and federal payroll tax reporting requirements, sales and use tax return preparation, business property statements, small business and state income taxes, the district attorney's bad check program, financing options, audits and appeals.

To obtain a brochure or find more information, please call (949) 461-5732 or visit the BOE online at <http://www.boe.ca.gov/sutax/tpsched.htm>.

Claude Parrish, of Long Beach, was elected to his first term as Third District Board Member of the State Board of Equalization in 1998, and re-elected in 2002. In December 2004, Mr. Parrish was re-elected to serve as Vice Chairman, a position he has held for the past two years. He presided as Chair of the Board in 2001.

The five-member Board of Equalization is a publicly elected tax board. The Board collects more than \$44 billion annually in taxes and fees supporting state and local government services. It hears business tax appeals, acts as the appellate body for franchise and personal income tax appeals, and plays a significant role in the assessment and administration of property taxes.

Other Board Members include Betty T. Yee of San Francisco, Acting Member, First District; Bill Leonard of Sacramento/Ontario, Second District; Chairman John Chiang of Los Angeles, Fourth District and State Controller Steve Westly.

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